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C O N F I D E N T I A L BRIDGETOWN 2467

DEPT FOR A/OC; A/SY/FO AND ARA/MGT FROM RSO TELFORD

PANAMA FOR RSS AND OIC/RTC; CARACAS FOR RSO

EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: A/COM, ASEC, AFSP BB
SUBJECT: EMERGENCY GENERATOR, AMEMBASSY BRIDGETOWN

1. SUMMARY: BRIDGETOWN EMERGENCY GENERATOR HAS NOT BEEN OPERATIONAL TO PROVIDE POWER TO THE CHANCERY SINCE 13 OCT 76. BARBADOS ELECTRIC FIRMS ARE UNABLE TO ISOLATE PROBLEM. ADDRESSEES ARE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE PRIORITY ASSISTANCE PER:
A. PROVIDE SPECIFIC ADVICE PER THIS EMBTEL THAT CAN BE PASSED TO LOCAL ELECT COMPANY IN ATTEMPT TO RECTIFY PROBLEM; OR
B. PROVIDE TDY ASSISTANCE.

2. CHANCERY IS PROVIDED WITH AN "ONAN " 25 KW GENERATOR WHICH IS HOUSED ON THE ROOF OF THE BUILDING. SAID GENERATOR IS INSTALLED TO AUTOMATICALLY ACTIVIAE DURING FAILURE OF COMMERCIAL POWER. WHEN OPERATIONAL, THE GENERATOR PROVIDES EMERGENCY POWER FOR:
A. CODE ROOM AND ALL EQUIP CONTAINED THEREIN.
NOTE: WITHIN C&R IS THE VHF VOICE RADIO BASE STATION AND DISINTEGRATOR FOR ROUTINE OR EMERGENCY DESTRUCTION.
B. MOD II INCINCERATOR LOCATED OUTSIDE OF C&R.
C. AMB/DCM SUITE
D. MAIN LOBBY AND MSG DESK.
E. HALL LIGHTS.
F. CHANCERY TELEPHONE SYSTEM.

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3. THE GENERATOR WAS LAST OPERATIONALLY RUN ON 13 OCT 1976. ON THAT DATE, A SURGE OF POWER FROM UNKNOWN SOURCE WAS CHanneLED INTO THE GENERATOR RELAY. FROM THAT DATE TO PRESENT THERE ARE ALL APPEARANCES THAT GENERATOR IS "OVER-LOADED."

4. THE EMBASSY HAS CALLED UPON THE PHONEIX ELECT CO AND O'BRIEN ELECT CO., BOTH OF BARBADOS AS WELL AS THE LOCAL COMMERCIAL POWER CO FOR ASSISTANCE. NUMEROUS VISITS BY REPS FROM THESE FIRMS HAVE FAILED TO ISOLATE THE PRBLEM. THEY DO NOT HOWEVER FEEL THE PROBLEM IS FROM "OVERLOADING."

5. IT IS NOT ANTICIPATED THAT ANY LOCAL ASSISTANCE WILL RECTIFY THE GENERATOR PROBLEM IN THE NEAR FUTURE. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT WITH ADDRESSEE ASSISTANCE POST COULD FURNISH ONE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED ELECT FIRMS WITH A SPECIFIC LIST OF TECHNICAL MALFUNCTIONS THEY COULD LOOK FOR. THIS WILL ONLY SUFFICE IF THEY CAN IMMEDIATELY GIVE ATTENTION TO THE GENERATOR. I HAVE NOTED THAT IT TOOK SEVERAL WEEKS FOR LOCAL ASSISTANCE IN OCTOBER.

6. PLEASE ADVISE.
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